

**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
ACUPUNCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 31, 2003**

PRESENT: J.B. Chung, Timoteo Galvez, Carol Hemersbach, Fred Sheppard

EXCUSED: Marcia BonDurant, Judy Frydenlund, Arthur Rapkin,
Guan-Yuan Jin

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Ph.D.; Bureau Director, William Black, Legal
Counsel, and Gina York, Minute Taker

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Kimberly Nania called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. Four members were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: J.B. Chung moved, seconded by Carol Hemersbach approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2002

MOTION: J.B. Chung moved, seconded by Timoteo Galvez, to approve the minutes of May 16, 2002 as printed. Motion carried unanimously.

**SUMMARY REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY
CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

For informational purposes only.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Dr. Kimberly Nania, Bureau Director provided an update to the Committee on changes that have occurred since their last meeting.

The Department has a new administration. They are as follows:

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| Department Secretary | Donsia Strong Hill |
| Deputy Secretary | Mary Schlaefer |
| Executive Assistant | Chris Klein |
| Division Administrator of Board Services | Patty Hoeft |
| Division Administrator of Enforcement | Sandra Rowe |
| Division Administrator of Credentialing | Cathy Pond |
| Division Administrator Management Services | Cris Selin |

Secretary, Donsia Strong Hill introduced herself to the Committee.

Dr. Nania provided an update to the Committee regarding budget issues and its effect on the Department. Further reductions may be needed. The Department of Administration made a lot of recommendations on ways to improve by doing reorganization. In addition, it has been decided that the Department will remain at its current location. Secretary Strong Hill met with Board Chairs asking for their input on ways to reduce costs without sacrificing protection of the public. Two areas identified by the Department as large expenditures were in printing and postage and is currently being looked at. Regulatory Digests for all professions are on hold. There has been discussion to have the Regulatory Digests available on-line only and when there are new rules changes or other major issues of importance a postcard would be sent to all credential holders referring them to the Department website.

Dr. Nania briefly reviewed with the Board the process of the fee study by Grant Thornton for the Department and factors considered when looking at licensing fees. The Joint Finance Committee defeated the proposal and there will not be an increase in licensing fees for any profession.

The application forms for licensure are online and can be downloaded. All code books are now online in their entirety. The website address for the Department is: www.drl.state.wi.us

The Committee reviewed the current Roster and made any necessary changes. These updates will be given to Roxanne Peterson to make these changes and corrections.

There will be a Board Member Workshop at the Concourse Hotel located in Madison, WI sometime in October of this year. The purpose of this workshop is for new Board member orientation.

**CORRESPONDENCE: NATIONAL CERTIFICATION COMMISSION
FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (NCCAOM)
REGARDING CODE OF ETHICS**

Informational.

**CORRESPONDENCE: ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR
ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM)
REGARDING CANDIDACY AND ACCREDITATION
ACTIONS FROM ACAOM'S MAY 2002 MEETING**

Informational.

**UPDATE ON TOTAL NUMBER OF ACUPUNCTURISTS CURRENTLY
CERTIFIED IN THE STATE**

Kimberly Nania reported to the Committee that currently there are 239 credentialed acupuncturists in the state of Wisconsin.

**CORRESPONDENCE: ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR
ACUPUNCTURE AND ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ACAOM) REGARDING
DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The Committee would like to see all schools have a master's degree program with the opportunity to go forward and earn a PHD if they so desire.

MEETING DATE

The Committee discussed when they would like their next meeting. The Committee agreed to meet once a year or on an as-needed basis. They wish to have it around the same time frame next July. The date for the 2004 Acupuncture meeting has not yet been set. If other business comes up during the year that needs to be addressed, through a meeting, another date will be set with the Committee at that time.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER CONCERNS

The Committee discussed concerns related to their profession regarding regulation and Credentialing issues. This information was shared with Secretary Strong Hill.

FYI MATERIAL

The Committee received correspondence regarding NCCAOM being elected to the 2003 Associations Advance America Honor Roll. NCCAOM CEO Christina Herlihy, Ph.D. stated “We are thrilled to receive this award and we will continue to set the standard of excellence in the Oriental medicine arena.”

The Committee reviewed an article titled “Alternative Medicine Deal Offered.” Blue Cross & Blue Shield United of Wisconsin unveiled a discount plan for alternative medicine to individual health plan members most of who are Medicare recipients.

The Committee received from the Hawaii Acupuncture Association (HAA) information to order a copy of the publication titled “Essential Acupuncture Treatment Guidelines”.

OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Noted.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J.B. Chung moved, seconded by Carol Hemersbach, to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m.